(b) the extent of damage caused thereby; and

(c) the specific details of relief and rehabilitation measures undertaken in the flood affected districts?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) As per reports received from the State Governments, the recent floods in Chhattisgarh have affected 6 districts resulting in loss of 12 persons and damage to crops in 0.68 lakh ha. and about 3,900 houses, while floods in orissa have affected 24 districts resulting in loss of 86 lives and damage to crops in 7.78 lakh ha. and to 1.77 lakh houses.

(c) Funds are available with the States under Calamity Relief Fund (CRF) for taking necessary measures in the wake of natural calamities. Central share of CRF amounting to Rs.21.63 crore to Chhatisgarh and Rs. 64.66 crore to Orissa have been released during 2001-2002. In addition Rs. 100.00 crore has been sanctioned to Orissa for immediate rescue and relief works, in the wake of floods.

Agricultural technology information centres in Bihar

†625. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of Agricultural Technology Information Centres set up in Bihar;

(b) the details of expenditure incurred by the Central Government for the said work in that State during the last three years; and

(c) the necessary action taken by Government to impart training to farmers so that they can get information of the said technology?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (DR. DEBENDRA PRADHAN): (a) Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) has sanctioned one Agricultural Technology Information Centre (ATIC) under Rajendra Agricultural University (RAU), Pusa Samastipur, Bihar.

(b) An amount of Rs. 39,412 lakhs were released during the last three years (1998-99 to 2000-2001).

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) Technology products, diagnostic services and technological information were provided to 4079 farmers through the ATIC. Besides, 14,852 farmers, rural youths and extension personnel were also trained on various aspects of agriculture during the last one year through the Krishi Vigyan Kendras in Bihar funded by ICAR.

Restriction on export of maize

626. SHRI S. AGNIRAJ: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a restriction on export of maize from the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) what is the total annual production of maize in the country, State-wise;

(d) whether Government allow export depending on case to case, through STC/MMTC; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK): (a) and (b) As per the current EXIM Policy, exports of maize are allowed freely subject to quantitative ceilings announced by the Directorate General of Foreign Trade (DGFT) and issue of Registration-cum-Allocation Certificate by Agricultural and Processed Food Products Export Development Authority (APEDA).

(c) The details of the State-wise production of maize in the country during the period from the year 1996-97 to 1999-2000 are enclosed in the Statement. (*See* below.)

(d) and (e) Export can be made both by Public Sector Undertakings and private agencies subject to the quantitative ceiling and registration-cum-allocation by, APEDA.